

## CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method of storing a bicycle rack having a tongue adapted to be inserted into a class III type hitch receiver:

- 5 (a) providing a [static support structure] wall having interior vertical studs;
- (b) providing a class III type hitch receiver assembly, including a class III type hitch receiver and an attachment plate having a  
 10 fastener hole; [, said assembly supported by said static support structure];
- (c) aligning said hitch receiver assembly with one of said interior vertical studs so that said fastener hole is aligned to said stud and said  
 15 class III type hitch receiver is aligned to said stud, and bolting said hitch receiver assembly to said stud by a bolt extending through said fastener hole;
- (d) inserting said tongue of said bicycle rack,  
 20 into said class III type hitch receiver of said class III type hitch assembly.

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- 25 6. (currently amended) The method of claim [5] 1, wherein said bicycle rack is holding a [is a bicycle rack and said article is a] bicycle at the time step (d) is performed.

7. (original) The method of claim 1, wherein said  
 30 tongue of said rack is at first inserted into a class III type hitch receiver of a vehicle, and further including the step of

first removing said tongue of said rack from said class III hitch receiver of said vehicle.

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9. (original) A hitch rack retaining device, comprising:

(a) a supporting structure having a mass of less than 300 Kg; and

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(b) a class III type hitch receiver supported by said supporting structure.

10. (original) The device of claim 9, further including a set of wheels adapted to facilitate the movement  
15 of the device from one location to another.